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**CHRISTIAN COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS
ON FEDERAL CRACK COCAINE CHARGES
– Defendants forfeit \$37,000**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on September 19, 2006, **LAMONZ A. CAYCE**, age 25, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, **was sentenced** to 10 years, plus 5 years supervised release following incarceration, in United States District Court, Paducah, Kentucky. He admitted to conspiring with his brother, Antonio DeShawn Cayce, in both aiding and abetting in the possession and with intent to distribute crack-cocaine. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.** His brother, Antonio DeShawn, age 31, will be sentenced at a later date pursuant to his plea to these same charges.

U.S. Attorney Huber praised the Kentucky State Police, the Hopkinsville Police Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration for "keeping more cocaine out of Christian County. Local law enforcement in partnership with federal agencies is the key to putting drug dealers away for a long time."

During the change of plea hearing in June 2006, Antonio Cayce and **Lamonz Cayce** admitted that on or about January 21 and January 22, 2004, they conspired with each other to possessing with

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the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack-cocaine in Christian County in the Western District of Kentucky. Specifically, on January 21, 2004, the Kentucky State Police received information that crack was being sold at a residence in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. The investigation led them to a confidential source who admitted obtaining crack-cocaine from **Antonio Cayce**. The informant agreed to make recorded telephone calls to **the Cayces** to arrange the purchase of crack cocaine. **Antonio Cayce** told the informant that his brother, **Lamonz Cayce**, would go to their house and “get it together” for the purchase. **Antonio Cayce** further advised the informant that the crack-cocaine was hid all over the house and **Lamonz Cayce** would have to “gather it up”.

Based on this investigation, a search warrant was obtained for the **Cayce** residence located on Edmunds Street in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. The search revealed 6.8 grams of crack cocaine hidden in a jewelry box on the dresser in a bedroom. Officers recovered 2.8 grams of crack cocaine from another dresser in the bedroom of **Antonio Cayce** and another bag of crack cocaine in a Nike tennis shoe. Laboratory testing revealed the substance to be 70.5 grams of crack cocaine. Found in the kitchen of the residence was a set of digital scales, a money counting machine and small clear plastic bags used by **Antonio and Lamonz Cayce** to package and distribute the crack cocaine. The total value of the crack cocaine was approximately \$8,000.

Further investigation by the Kentucky State Police revealed that **Antonio Cayce** kept the drug proceeds money at the home of a relative. An additional search warrant was issued for that residence where law enforcement found a bag in a closet which contained \$37,070.00. **Antonio Cayce** admitted that the money belonged to him and constituted drug proceeds from selling crack cocaine in Western Kentucky. By entering a guilty plea, **the Cayces** also agree to forfeit the \$37,070.00 seized during the search of the residence.

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The **Cayces** were indicted by a federal grand jury following an investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Kentucky State Police, and the Hopkinsville Police Department.

Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, was the sentencing judge.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Michele Thielhorn and Madison Sewell.

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